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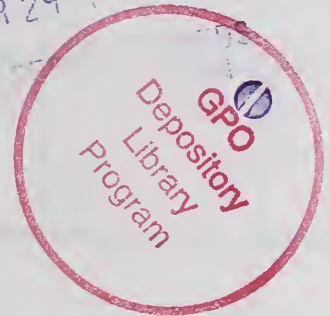
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I. PURPOSE

This document transmits changes to Part 319 of the MPI Regulations. These changes were published in the Federal Register on January 5, 1998 (63 FR 147, Docket No. 96-040F), titled Use of Binders in "Ham With Natural Juices" Products.

II. CHANGES

SUBCHAPTER A - MANDATORY MEAT INSPECTION

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This covers changes effective as of March 6, 1998.

(b) Cured pork products for which there is a qualifying statement required in paragraph (a) of this section shall bear that statement as part of the product name in lettering not less than 3/8 inch in height, or in lettering not less than one-third the size of the largest letter in the product name if it is in the same color and style of print and on the same color background as the product name. However, the Administrator may approve smaller lettering for labeling of packages of 1 pound or less, provided such lettering is at least one-third the size and of the same color and style as the product name.

(c) Cured pork product prepared pursuant to this section shall be subject to the compliance procedures in § 318.19 of this subchapter.

(d) The binders provided in § 318.7(c)(4) of this subchapter for use in cured pork products may be used singly in those cured pork products labeled as "Ham Water Added," "Ham and Water Product--X% of Weight is Added Ingredients," and "Ham with Natural Juices." These binders are not permitted to be used in combination with one or more such binders approved for use in cured pork products. When any such substance is added to these products, the substance shall be designated in the ingredients statement by its common or usual name in order of predominance.

§ 319.105 "Ham patties," "Chopped ham," "Pressed ham," "Spiced ham," and similar products.

(a) Finely divided (chopped, ground, flaked, chipped) cured ham products such as "Ham patties," "Chopped ham," "Pressed ham," and "Spiced ham" shall comply with minimum meat Protein Fat Free (PFF) percentage requirements set forth in the following chart:

Type of Cured Pork Product	Minimum Meat PFF Percentage ^{1/}	Product Name and Qualifying Statements
"Ham Patties," "Chopped Ham," "Pressed Ham," and "Spiced Ham,"	19.5	(common and usual)
"Ham Patties," "Chopped Ham," "Pressed Ham," and "Spiced Ham"	17.5	(common and usual) With Natural Juices
"Ham Patties," "Chopped Ham," "Pressed Ham," and "Spiced Ham"	16.0	(common and usual) Water added

^{1/} The minimum meat PFF percentage shall be the minimum meat protein which is indigenous to the raw, unprocessed pork expressed as a percent of the nonfat portion of the finished product. Compliance shall be determined under section 318.19 of this subchapter.

Type of Cured Pork Product	Minimum Meat PFF Percentage <u>1/</u>	Product Name and Qualifying Statements
"Ham Patties," "Chopped Ham," "Pressed Ham," and "Spiced Ham"	Less than 16.0	(common and usual) and Water Product-- (x)% of Weight is Added Ingredients <u>2/</u>

(b) Cured pork products prepared under this section except "Ham patties" may contain finely chopped ham shank meat to the extent of 25 percent over that normally present in boneless ham. Mechanically Separated (Species) Product may be used in accordance with § 319.6.

(c) Cured pork product prepared pursuant to this section shall be subject to the compliance procedures in § 318.19 of this subchapter, and those cured pork products prepared under this section for which there is a qualifying statement required shall comply with the requirements of § 319.104(b) of this subchapter.

(d) In addition to the other requirements of this section, "Ham Patties" may not contain more than 35 percent fat, by analysis.

§ 319.106 "Country Ham," "Country Style Ham," "Dry Cured Ham," "Country Pork Shoulder," "Country Style Pork Shoulder," and "Dry Cured Pork Shoulder."

(a) "Country Ham," "Country Style Ham," or "Dry Cured Ham," and "Country Pork Shoulder," "Country Style Pork Shoulder," or "Dry Cured Pork Shoulder," are the uncooked, cured, dried, smoked or unsmoked meat food products made respectively from a single piece of meat conforming to the definition of "ham," as specified in § 317.8(b)(13) of this subchapter, or from a single piece of meat from a pork shoulder. They are prepared in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section by the dry application of salt (NaCl), or by the dry application of salt (NaCl) and one or more of the optional ingredients as specified in paragraph (d) of this section. They may not be injected with curing solutions nor placed in curing solutions.

(b) The product must be treated for the destruction of possible live trichinae in accordance with such methods as may be approved by the Administrator upon request in specific instances and none of the provisions of this standard can be interpreted as discharging trichinae treatment requirements.

(c)(1) The entire exterior of the ham or pork shoulder shall be coated by the dry application of salt or by the dry application of salt combined with other ingredients as permitted in paragraph (d) of this section.

2/ Processors may immediately follow this qualifying statement with a list of the ingredients in descending order of predominance rather than having the traditional ingredients statement. In any case, the maximum percent of added substances in the finished product on a total weight percentage basis would be inserted as the X value; e.g., Ham and Water Product--20% of Weight is Added Ingredients. A prerequisite for label approval of these products is a quality control program.

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